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# Experimental comparison of piezoelectric and magnetostrictive shunt dampers

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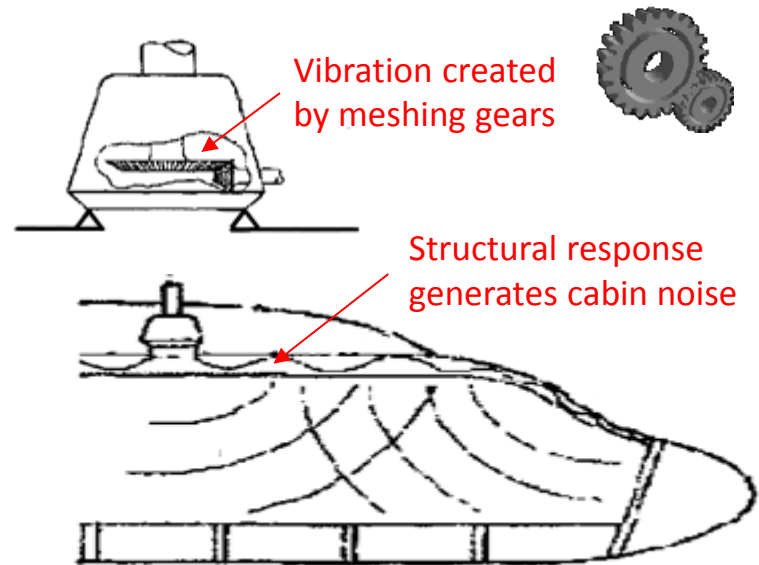
## Driveline vibration effects

- Vibration is a side effect of transferring power through a rotating driveline.
- It causes functional issues, like reduced precision in cutting tools.
- Vibration generated by rotorcraft gearing causes cabin noise in excess of 100 dB!
- This environment prohibits widespread use of rotorcraft for civilian transportation.

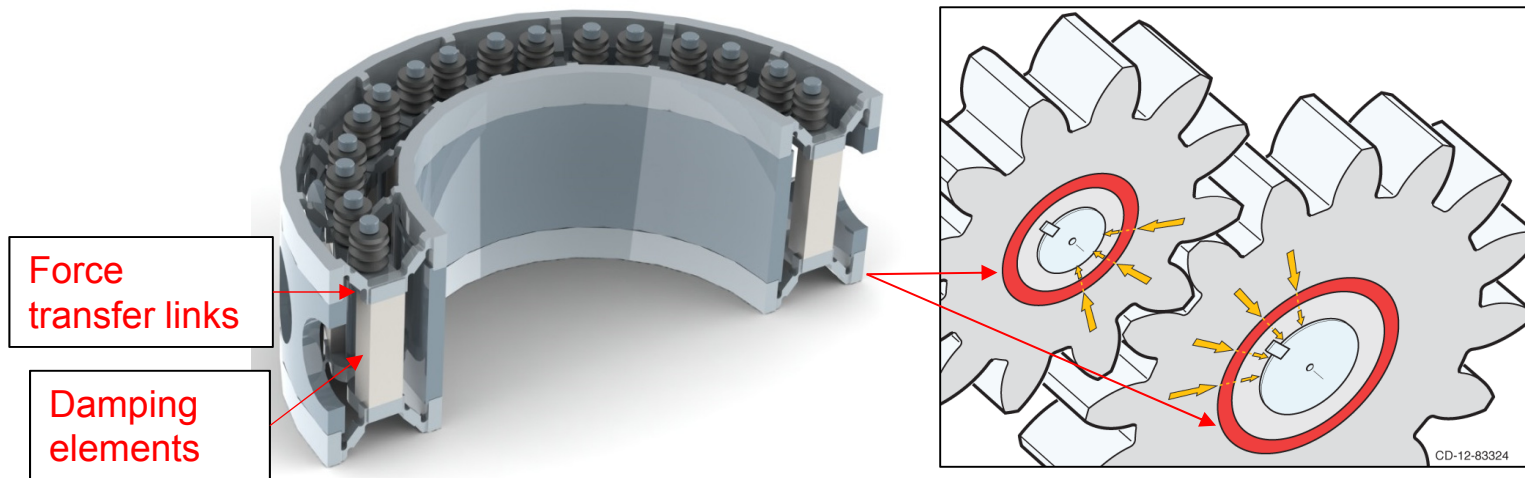
### Reduced cutting precision



### Extreme noise levels in rotorcraft



## Driveline damping using the vibration ring



- The vibration ring is designed to incorporate damping elements into a driveline
- Force is transferred through the elements to create vibration isolation and damping
- **Damping elements must have high stiffness to maintain the driveline alignment.**

### Material property comparison

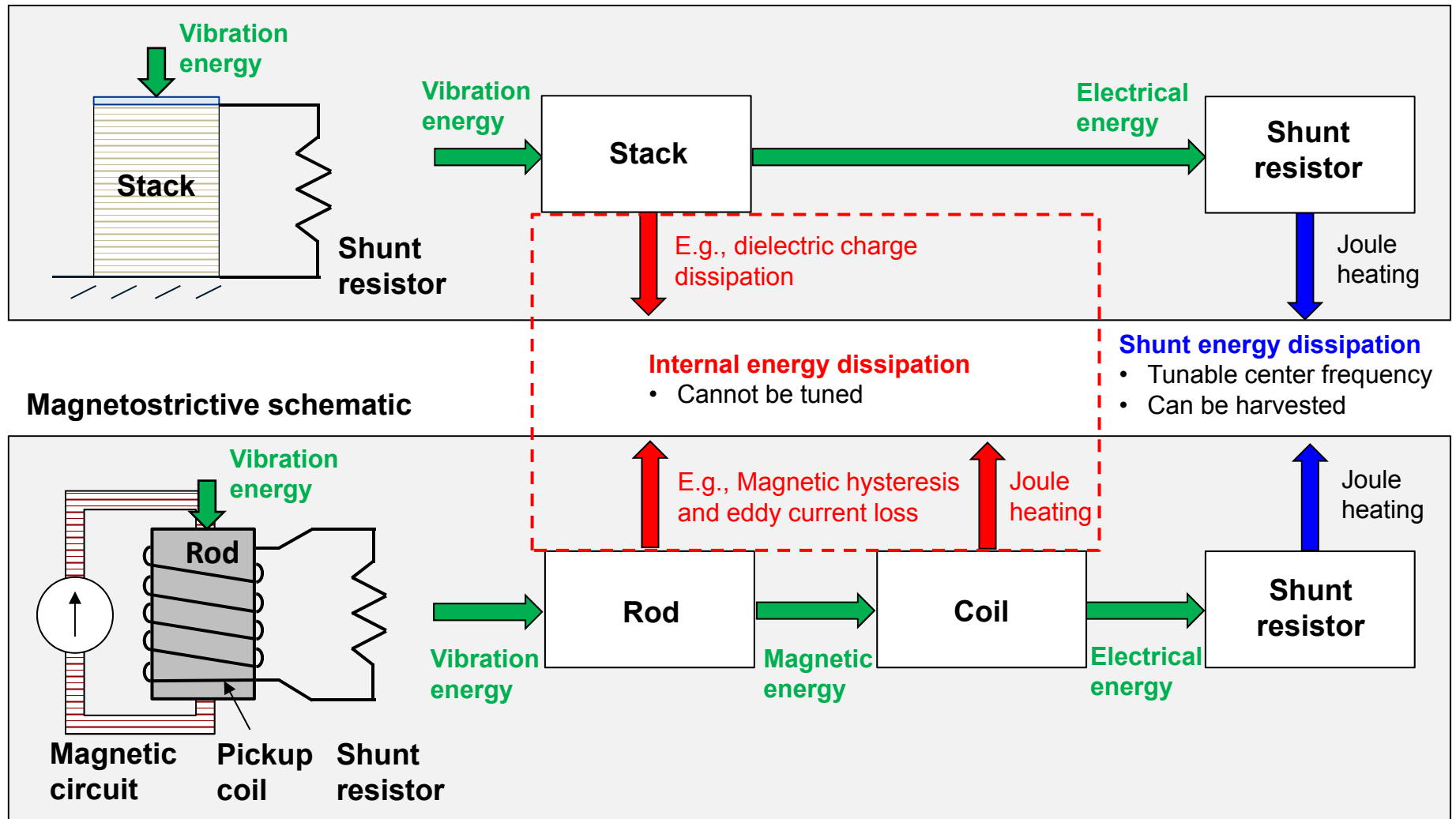
Application	Material	Modulus (GPa)	Loss factor
Driveline components	Steel	200	0.0005
Vibration damping treatment	Rubber	0.05	0.50
Vibration ring damping elements	TBD	5 to 35	Maximize

# Shunt damper options

- High stiffness smart materials: **Piezoelectric** ceramics and **magnetostrictive** metals
- **Electrical**  $\leftrightarrow$  **mechanical**, **Magnetic**  $\leftrightarrow$  **mechanical**

Piezoelectric schematic

Energy flow diagrams



## ***Objectives and scope***

- **Objective** : Characterize 3 candidate shunt damping devices
- Maximize damping at 750Hz
- Measure electro-mechanical response to vibratory force up 1000 Hz
  - Stiffness, damping
  - Internal vs. shunt energy dissipation

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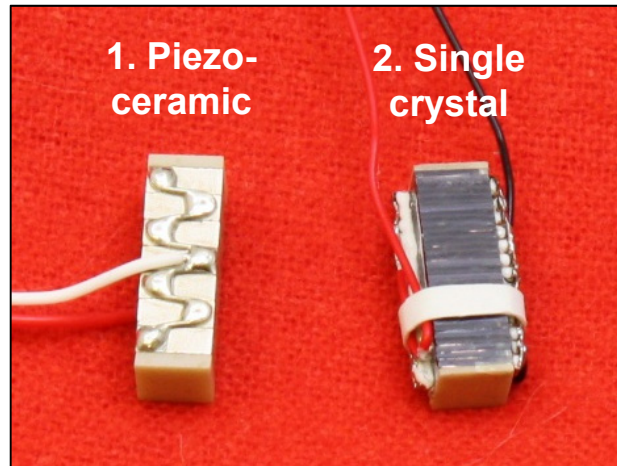
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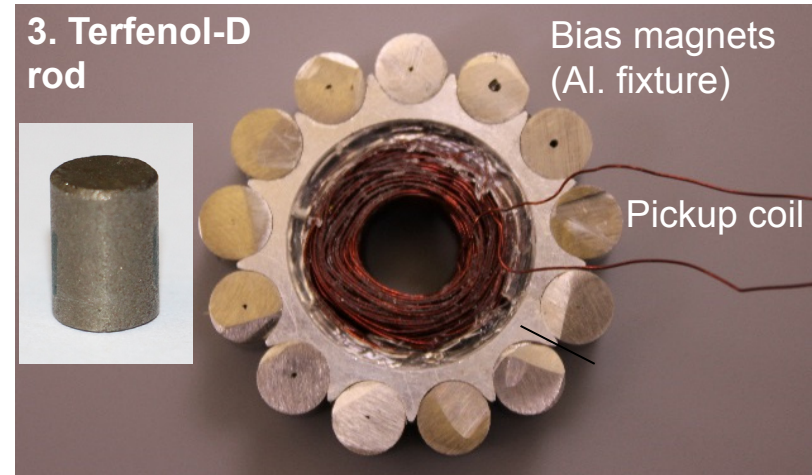
# Test articles

## Piezoelectric shunt dampers



1. **Piezoceramic:** Soft-doped **polycrystalline** co-fired lead zirconate titanate (**PZT**)
  2. **Single crystal:** Lead magnesium niobate-lead titanate (**PMN-30%PT**)
- Nominal: 5mm x 5mm x 16mm

## Magnetostrictive shunt damper

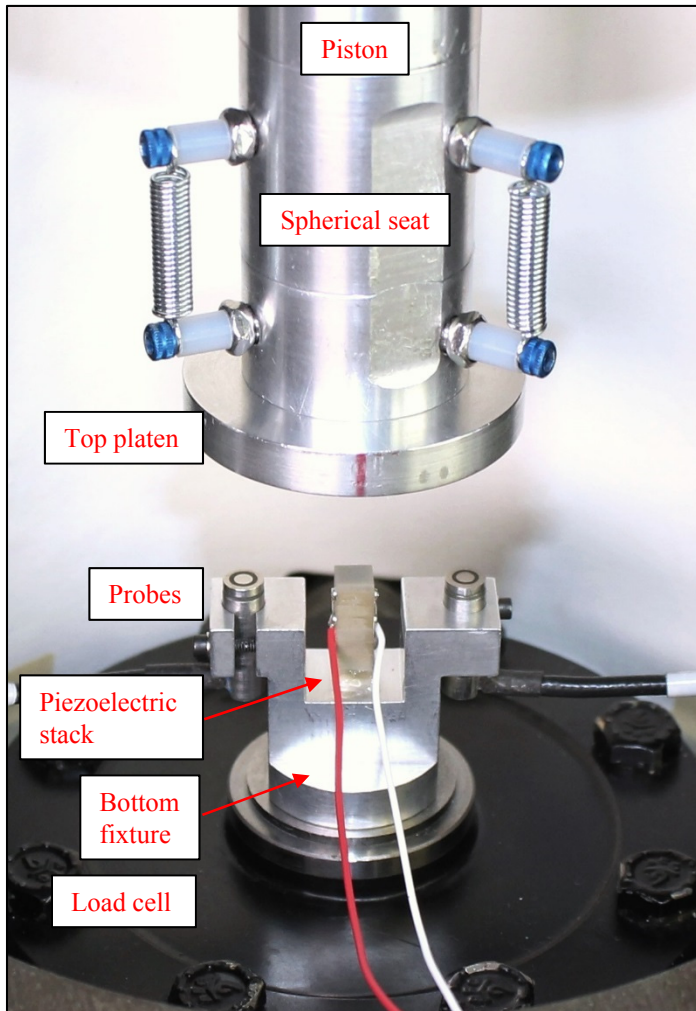


3. **Terfenol-D**
- Terbium, dysprosium and iron rod ( $\text{Tb}_{0.3}\text{Dy}_{0.7}\text{Fe}_{1.92}$ )
  - Alnico grade 8 magnets
  - Optimized (500-turn 30AWG) pickup coil
  - Nominal: 7mm diameter, 10mm long

# Test setup

## Dynamic load frame assembly

-Piezoceramic case-



## Provision to minimize error

- Even pressure on sample face
- Minimized inertial force error
- Magneto setup: Moving magnets
  - Attractive forces did not corrupt force
  - Did not generate voltage error
- **Sensor channels were phase aligned**

## Removed data influenced by resonance

- Resonance at 1.0 to 1.2kHz
- Maximum data
  - Piezoceramic 923 Hz
  - Single crystal 804 Hz
  - Terfenol-D 350 Hz (higher harmonics)

# Data processing

$$\text{Effective compressive modulus} = \left( \frac{\text{height}}{\text{area}} \right) \text{stiffness}$$

$$\text{Total loss factor} = \frac{\text{Total energy dissipated}/2\pi}{\text{Oscillation energy}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Internal loss factor} = \frac{\text{Internal energy dissipated}/2\pi}{\text{Oscillation energy}} \\ \text{Shunt loss factor} = \frac{\text{Shunt energy dissipated}/2\pi}{\text{Oscillation energy}} \end{array} \right.$$

- Both contribute to damping
- High shunt loss factor required for tuning damping frequency or for energy harvesting

# Test stages

## 1. Optimize prestress

- Maximize energy conversion

## 2. Optimizing resistance at 750Hz

- Maximize shunt loss factor

Refer to manuscript  
for details

## 3. Measuring frequency response

- Optimal prestress & optimal shunt resistance
- Frequency varied in steps from 2 Hz to 1000 Hz
- Compute metrics

Discussed here

### Nominal dynamic stress amplitude

Piezoceramic: 8.0 MPa

Single crystal: 4.0 MPa

Terfenol-D: 7.3 MPa

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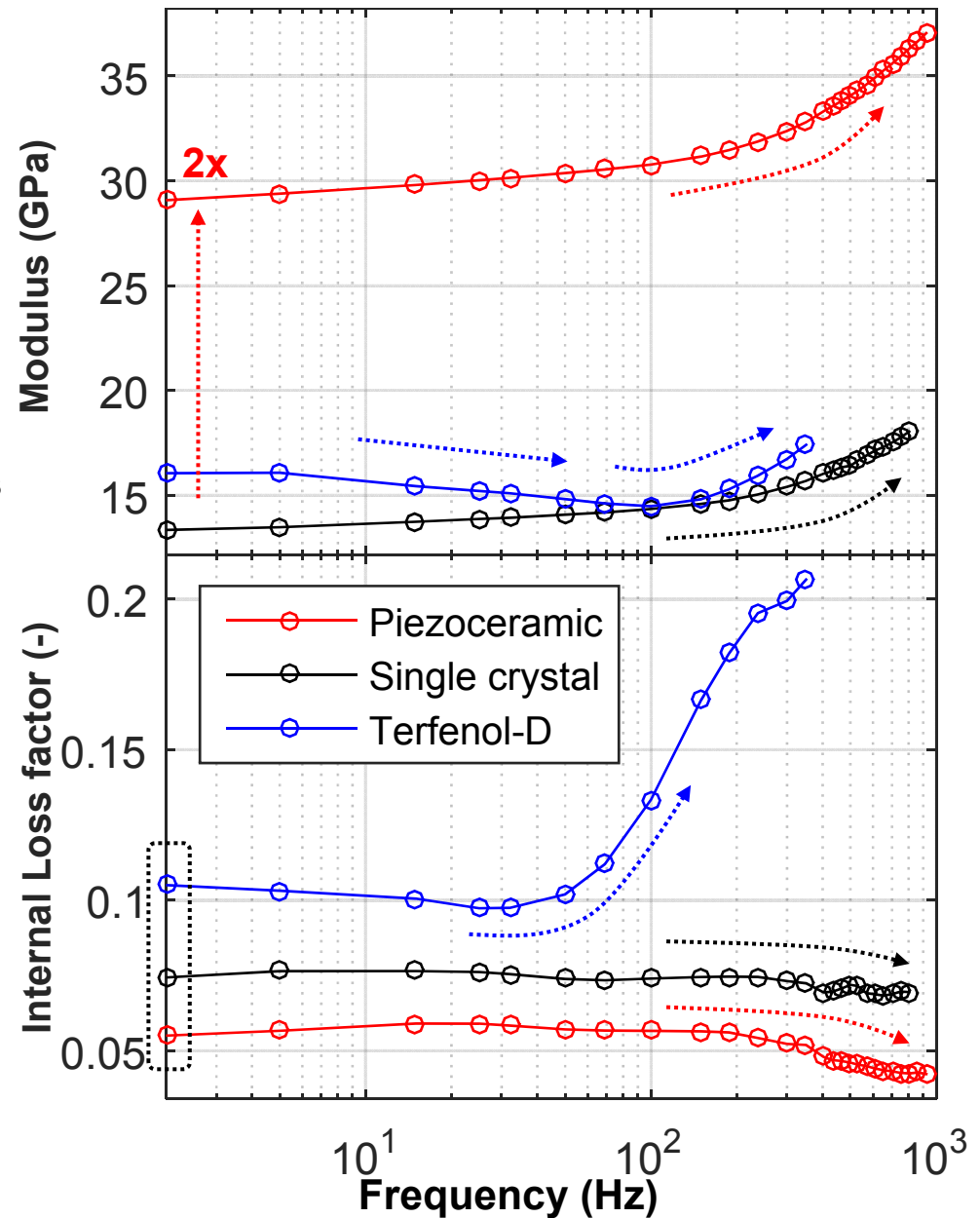
# Frequency response (1 of 2)

## Modulus

- Quasi-static: **Piezoceramic** roughly 2x **Single Crystal** and **Terfenol-D**
- **Piezoceramic** and **Single Crystal** trends: Increase with frequency. Expected based on electric-charge stiffening
- **Terfenol-D** trend: Decreases and then increases after 100 Hz. Increase is explained by magnetic field stiffening. Initial decrease is unexplained.

## Internal loss factor

- Quasi-static: **Terfenol-D** > **Single crystal** > **Piezoceramic**
- **Piezoceramic** and **Single Crystal** trends: Slight inverse relationship with modulus.
- **Terfenol-D** trend: Unexpected, sharp increase after 30Hz. 3D COMSOL simulation indicates magnetic energy inducing eddy currents in aluminum magnet fixture



## Frequency response (2 of 2)

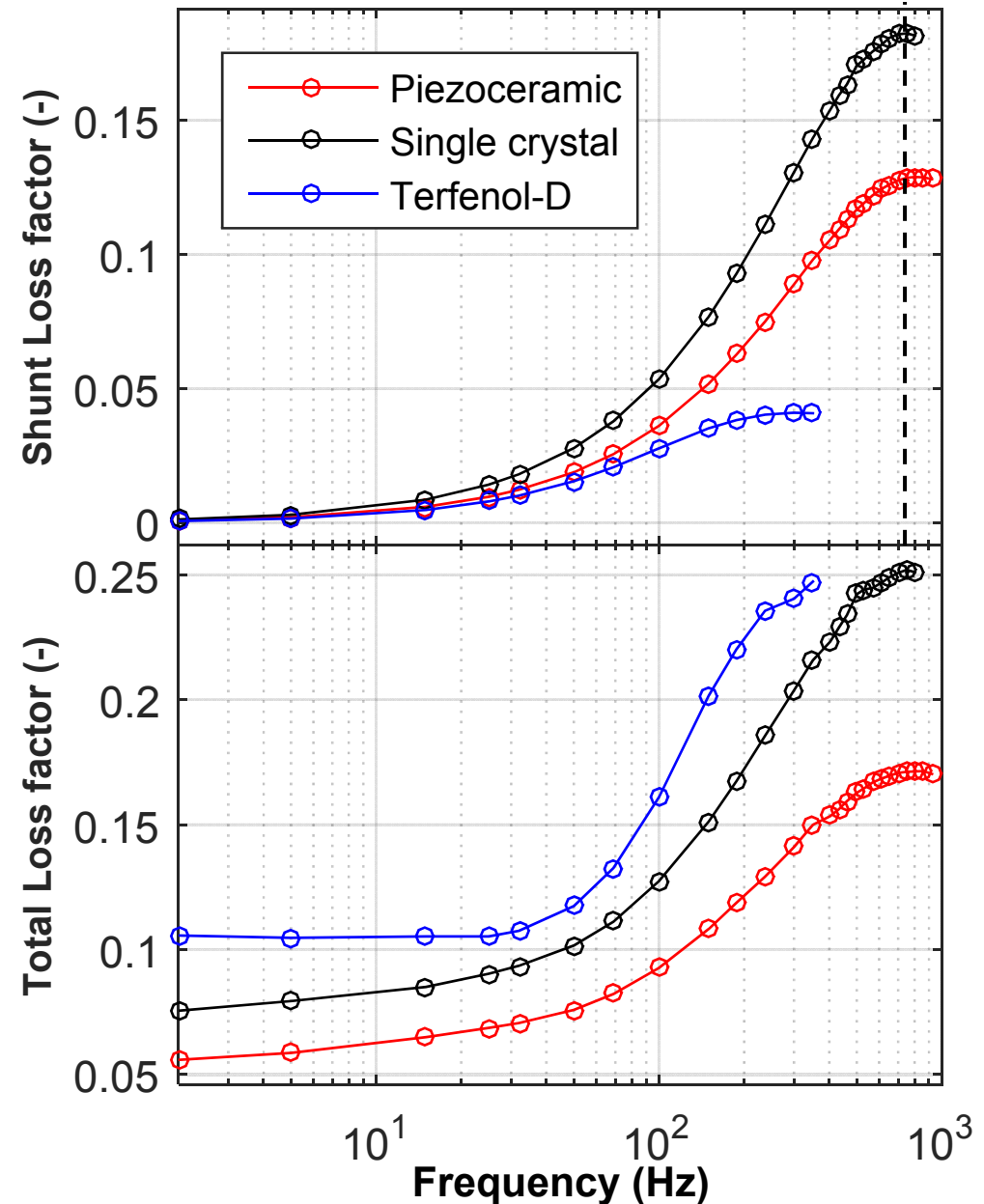
750 Hz

### Shunt loss factor

- Peak: Near 750Hz  
**Single crystal** > **Piezoceramic** > **Terfenol-D**
- **Piezoceramic** and **single crystal**:  
 Peak shunt losses >> internal losses  
 Potential for energy harvesting
- **Terfenol-D**  
 Relatively low shunt loss.  
 Result of eddy current dissipation

### Total loss factor

- All devices: Same order of magnitude as rubber.
- **Terfenol-D**
  - Highest total loss across all frequencies
  - Dominated by eddy current losses
    - Peak not tunable
    - Coil and shunt not needed



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# Summary

- Evaluated three high-stiffness shunt damping devices.

## Piezoelectric stacks

- **Piezoceramic** (PZT)
- **Single crystal** (PMN-30%PT)

## Magnetostrictive rod with pickup coil and bias magnets

- **Terfenol-D** ( $\text{Tb}_{0.3}\text{Dy}_{0.7}\text{Fe}_{1.92}$ )

- Bias stress and shunt resistance were optimized for maximum damping at 750 Hz.
- Carefully controlled load frame experiments → dynamic force applied up to 1000 Hz.

## METRICS

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Effective compressive  
modulus

Total loss factor

Internal loss factor

Shunt loss factor

# Conclusions

- Unique/accurate data set for validating piezoelectric and magnetostrictive models.
- All devices: Reasonable for driveline damping application
  - Moduli 1 order of magnitude lower than steel (3 orders higher than rubber)
  - Loss factors on the same order as rubber
- **Single crystal:** Highest shunt loss factor- best tunable damper or energy harvester
- **Terfenol-D:** Highest total loss factor- best non-tunable damper
  - Unintentional eddy current losses due to aluminum magnet holder
  - Reconfigure device in 2 ways
    1. Non-conductive magnet holder → increasing tuning and energy harvesting
    2. Get rid of coil and shunt → more compact/simpler device.  
Would continue to be an effective damper at high frequencies.

